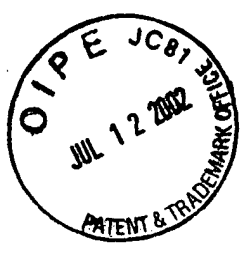


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, lines 12-19, please substitute the following new paragraph.

Liquid hosts containing rare earth have been considered. However, such devices were flash lamp driven leading to unacceptably large temperature gradients in the fluid and their poor beam quality. U. S. Patent No. 3,779,939 to Erhard J. Schmitschek et al., assigned The United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Navy, patented December 18,